

**Comhairle Contae Fingall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic
and General Matters)

Thursday, 11th December, 2025

PRESENT

Boland, Cathal	Maguire, Grainne
Boland, Mark	Mulligan, Dean
Butler, Darragh	Mulville, Paul
Corkey, Luke	Murphy, Tony
Dockrell, Eoghan	Newman, Joe
Humphreys, James	O' Leary, Tom
Johnstone, Corina	Quinn, Malachy
Kelly, Darren Jack	Ryan, Brendan
Smyth, John	

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary T. Daly (Director of Services), Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Roisin Burke (Senior Planner), Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect), Linda Lally (A/Senior Engineer) Breen Dorris Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), (Senior Executive Engineer), Sean Lenehan (Executive Engineer), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer)

BSB/597/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords
Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 13th
November 2025.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and
RESOLVED –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and
General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2025 be **ADOPTED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and **RESOLVED** -

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 56 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/599/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Footfall at Swords Castle Market - AI105134

BSB/600/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Humphreys - School Street at Thornleigh ETNS - AI105136

BSB/601/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Cycle-Priority Street - Park Avenue, Swords - AI105137

BSB/602/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Installation of Pencil Bollards - Applewood Community Centre, Swords - AI105138

BSB/603/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Waste Presentation Bye-Laws - Swords - AI105140

BSB/604/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Bike Share Initiatives in Swords at Christmas - AI105653

BSB/605/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor D. Kelly - Update on Knocksedan Estate, Swords - AI105254

BSB/606/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor D. Butler - Update on Ward Valley Park/Knocksedan, Swords - AI105271

BSB/607/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor D. Butler - Update on Walled Garden - Knocksedan, Swords - AI105272

BSB/608/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor M. Quinn - School Safety at Taylor Hill Walk, Balbriggan - AI105356

BSB/609/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Bremore Castle Works, Balbriggan - AI105456

BSB/610/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor M. Quinn - Taking In Charge - Kilsough Gardens, Balbriggan - AI105459

BSB/611/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor L. Corkery - Extension of Walkway alongside Ward River Park, Swords - AI105511

BSB/612/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor L. Corkery - Works on Holybanks Lands, Swords - AI105513

BSB/613/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor L. Corkery - Purchase of Open Space - St. Colmcille's Court, Swords - AI105514

BSB/614/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor L. Corkery - Ownership of Martello Tower - Balcarrick, Donabate - AI105539

BSB/615/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Pedestrian Access Route to Knocksedan, Swords - AI105581

BSB/616/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor L. Corkery - Details on Works and Construction - Brackenstown Wood and Usher's Lake, Swords - AI105582

BSB/617/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor L. Corkery - Vacant and Derelict Buildings - North Street, Swords - AI105583

BSB/618/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI105526

BSB/619/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Rahenny Park Estate - Lusk - AI105527

BSB/620/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor M. Boland - Report on the Amount Levied under the Derelict Sites Act in Rush and Lusk - AI105528

BSB/621/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor M. Boland - Enforcement Notices on Crèche Sites - Lusk - AI105529

BSB/622/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor M. Boland - Biodiversity Trail within Lusk Sports Hub - Promoting Environmental Awareness - AI105531

BSB/623/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor J. Smyth - Laneways Not Taken In Charge - Castlevue Estate, Swords - AI105555

BSB/624/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor J. Smyth - Taking in Charge - Comyn Manor, Swords - AI105556

BSB/625/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor J. Smyth - Ongoing Closure of Playground - Saint Cronan's Well, Swords - AI105557

BSB/626/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor J. Smyth - Private Rental Inspections in this LEA - AI105558

- BSB/627/25** (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor J. Smyth - Home based Mechanics Operating in this LEA - AI105559
- BSB/628/25** (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor J. Smyth - Number of Vacant/Unoccupied Social Homes in Swords - AI105561
- BSB/629/25** (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor J. Smyth - Dog Warden Patrols in Swords - AI105562
- BSB/630/25** (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor J. Smyth - Launch of Swords Substance Abuse and Mental Health Group - AI105564
- BSB/631/25** (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor B. Ryan - Installation of Double Yellow Lines and Pencil Bollards - Taylor Hill Walk, Balbriggan - AI105576
- BSB/632/25** (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor B. Ryan - Acquisition of Land near Baldongan Graveyard - AI105577
- BSB/633/25** (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor B. Ryan - Ownership of Disused Quarry - Thomastown Reservoir - AI105578
- BSB/634/25** (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Flavours of Fingal 2026 - AI105592
- BSB/635/25** (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor B. Ryan - Timeline for Loughshinny Playground - AI105596
- BSB/636/25** (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on the EV Charging Bays - Skerries Mills - AI105613
- BSB/637/25** (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor C. Boland - Report on Audit of Sports Facilities - AI105587
- BSB/638/25** (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor C. Boland - Conservation and Refurbishment of the 1798 Memorial Cross - Oldtown - AI105588
- BSB/639/25** (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Volleyball Equipment for Donabate Beach - AI105601
- BSB/640/25** (Agenda Item No 43)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Painting of Community Centre in the Naul - AI105607
- BSB/641/25** (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on the Cliff Walk from Donabate to Tower Bay, Portrane - AI105608

BSB/642/25 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Progress of Rush Sports Hub - AI105610

BSB/643/25 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Progress of Lusk Sports Hub - AI105611

BSB/644/25 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor C. Johnston - Active Travel Plan - Donabate Peninsula - AI105630

BSB/645/25 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor C. Johnston - Primary Care Centre - Donabate - AI105631

BSB/646/25 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor C. Johnston - Upgrade of Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI105632

BSB/647/25 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor C. Johnston - Acquisition of Martello Tower - Balcarrick Donabate - AI105633

BSB/648/25 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor C. Johnston - Donabate Local Area Plan - AI105636

BSB/649/25 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor C. Johnston - Taking in Charge - Palmer Avenue, Rush - AI105637

BSB/650/25 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor C. Johnston - Lands adjacent to Martin's Lane, Donabate - AI105639

BSB/651/25 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor P. Mulville - Safe Pedestrian Crossing - R132, Blake's Cross/R129 - AI105641

BSB/652/25 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor P. Mulville - R132 Pedestrian Safety Refuge Island - AI105642

BSB/653/25 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor P. Mulville - Planning Enforcement - The Burrow, Portrane - AI105647

BSB/654/25 (Agenda Item No 57)

Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

a BC 1808 Forrest Little Road & Barberstown Road, Swords

The Report was Noted.

BSB/655/25 (Agenda Item No 58)

Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with associated staff and support accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan (PARTXI/008/25)

Ms. Carmel Brennan, Senior Architect introduced Ms. Emma Reidy, and Ms. Liberty Finnegan from Aoibhneas and Mr. Christian Cremins from OCF who all participated in the presentation on the Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with associated staff and support accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan . After a discussion the report was Noted.

BSB/656/25 (Agenda Item No 59)

Feasibility Report on footpath connections from Loughshinny

Mr. Breen Dorris, Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Sean Lenehan, Executive Engineer gave a presentation of Feasibility Report on footpath connections from Loughshinny. Following a discussion the report was Noted.

BSB/657/25 (Agenda Item No 60)

Correspondence

- a **E-mail dated 5th November 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Boland - Motion - Report on Water Infrastructure in this LEA - AI101965**

The correspondence from the Uisce Éireann was NOTED.

- b **Letter dated 12th November 2025 from the NTA regarding Councillor M. Quinn - Motion - Bus Turnaround at Mourne View Estate - AI100767**

The correspondence from the NTA was NOTED.

BSB/658/25 (Agenda Item No 61)

Councillor L. Corkery - Access to Knocksedan from Usher's Lake - AI105580

It was agreed to take Motions numbered 61 and 72 together.

The Motion in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor J. Newman

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the report was ACCEPTED.

BSB/659/25 (Agenda Item No 72)

Councillor D. Butler - Connection of Pathway - Ward Valley Park/Knocksedan - AI105270

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Butler was proposed by Councillor D. Butler and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the report was ACCEPTED.

BSB/660/25 (Agenda Item No 62)

Councillor D. Kelly - Investigation into Old Graveyard - Cloghran, Swords- AI104951

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Kelly was proposed by Councillor D. Kelly and seconded by Councillor J. Newman

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the report was ACCEPTED.

BSB/661/25 (Agenda Item No 63)

Councillor P. Mulville - Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan Nua do Ghaelscoil Ros Eó - AI105081

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor C. Johnstone

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/662/25 (Agenda Item No 64)

Councillor D. Butler - Existing or Proposed Ring-Roads - Swords - AI105269

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Butler was proposed by Councillor D. Butler and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the report was ACCEPTED.

BSB/663/25 (Agenda Item No 65)

Councillor M. Boland - Initiate Meeting Between the Council the NTA and Iarnród Éireann - AI105532

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/664/25 (Agenda Item No 66)

Councillor J. Smyth - Purchase of Martello Tower - Balcarrick, Donabate - AI105553

It was agreed to Defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

BSB/665/25 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor C. Boland - Report on Progress of the Development of Séamus Ennis Centre, Naul - AI105575

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was ACCEPTED without discussion.

BSB/666/25 (Agenda Item No 68)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Meeting to Provide Update on St. Ita's Campus - AI105594

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Dockrell was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was ACCEPTED without discussion.

BSB/667/25 (Agenda Item No 69)

Councillor C. Johnston - Remedial Works - Portrane to Donabate Cliff Walk - AI105626

It was agreed to Defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

BSB/668/25 (Agenda Item No 70)

Councillor P. Mulville - Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan nua do Ghaelscoil na Mara - AI105082

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED

BSB/669/25 (Agenda Item No 71)

Councillor D. Kelly - Uisce Éireann Issues at Knocksedan Estate – AI105254A

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Kelly was proposed by Councillor D. Kelly and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED

BSB/670/25 (Agenda Item No 73)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of 'Non for Profit' Childcare Facilities in this LEA - AI105628

It was agreed to Defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to suspend Standing Orders to deal with an Emergency Motion in the name of Councillors P. Mulville, E. Dockrell and C. Johnston which was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell

To Read:

“That this area committee demands an urgent emergency response from this Council and all relevant state agencies to address the coastal erosion and flooding crisis situation at Portrane, following the recent storm and before the next storms hit.”

Ms Mary T. Daly, Director of Services and Mr. Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer gave a verbal update on the motion and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

Councillor L. Corkery thanked the Councillors and Staff and wished everyone a happy Christmas.

The meeting concluded at 16:26

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED